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SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE AT COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED MEETING

REF: BUENOS AIRES 4659

1. FONMINISTRY UN AFFAIRS CHIEF ROBERTO DALTON HAS INFORMED US (AND CERTAIN OTHER MEMBERS OF KOREAN CORE GROUP) THAT FONMINISTER GUZZETTI WILL NOT RPT NOT ATTEND COLOMBO NAM CONFERENCE. HE OFFERED NO EXPLANATION FOR CHANGE IN PLANS.

2. LATEST INFORMATION IS THAT GOA DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY AMBASSADOR TO INDIA FERNANDO ESCALANTE, WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS OF FONMINISTRY. DALTON WILL BE MEMBER OF DELEGATION, ACCOMPANIED BY A MORE JUNIOR OFFICIAL NAMED MINA FROM HIS UN AFFAIRS STAFF, AN OFFICIAL OF THE ECONOMIC MINISTRY, AND TWO OFFICIALS FROM GOA'S UN DELEGATION. DELEGATION SCHEDULED TO LEAVE ARGENTINA ON AUGUST 4.

3. DALTON HAS BEEN INFORMED BY HIS UN DELEGATION THAT USG IS SENDING A "SPECIALIST" TO COLOMBO TO COVER NAM SESSION. HE ASKED IF WE COULD GIVE HIM NAME OF THIS OR ANOTHER US
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OFFICIAL TO WHOM HE COULD INTRODUCE HIMSELF ON ARRIVAL AND

"GET AN ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION."

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IF NO OBJECTION SEEN PLEASE SEND US
NAME OF APPROPRIATE OFFICER WHO WILL BE AT COLOMBO AND
INDICATION OF HOW DALTON COULD COMMUNICATE WITH HIM OR HER.

5. COMMENT. AT MEETING OF CORE GROUP JULY 28 CONSENSUS
EMERGED THAT WE MAY BE OVERDOING EFFORT WITH GOA AND THAT
TOO MUCH MORE CAMPAIGNING MIGHT BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.
KOREAN EMBASSY HAS BEEN AGGRESSIVE AND MOST ENERGETIC IN ITS
OWN DIRECT EFFORT. ALL PRESENT AGREED THAT GOA OFFICIALS ARE
RESPONDING TO APPROACHES WITH ASSURANCES THAT GOA POSITION ON
KOREAN ISSUE IS FAVORABLE AND THE DELEGATION WILL WORK FOR
MODERATE POSITIONS AT COLOMBO, REGISTERING RESERVATIONS WHEN
NECESSARY. ALL ARE EQUALLY AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT ONCE IN
COLOMBO DELEGATION MAY WELL KEEP LOW PROFILE AND AVOID
UNPOPULARITY OF OPPOSITION TO MAJORITY.

6. KOREAN COUNSELOR REPORTED THAT ROK DELEGATION ON TOUR OF
LA COUNTRIES SAW PRESIDENT VIDELA JULY 26. VIDELA GAVE
GENERAL ASSURANCES OF UNDERSTANDING OF SOUTH KOREAN POSITION,
BUT NO SPECIFIC PROMISES. DELEGATION THEN SAW JUNTA MEMBER
ADMIRAL MASSERA, WHO REPORTEDLY SAID WHAT AMOUNTED TO "WE'LL
SEE ABOUT THAT" WHEN HE FOCUSED ON FACT THAT GUZZETTI INTENDED
TO HEAD DELEGATION. THIS MAY ACCOUNT FOR SUDDEN CHANGE OF
GUZZETTI'S PLANS.

7. CORE GROUP AGREED THAT IN ADDITION TO US DEMARCHE (AS
INSTRUCTED STATE 181500), DUTCH AND JAPANESE EMBASSIES WILL
SEEK ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT ARGUMENTS AT HIGHEST
LEVEL WHICH CAN BE REACHED IN FONMINISTRY.
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